

Docket No.: 416-001

SOLE INVENTOR  
UtilityDECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

I, David W. Perrego, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 125 Harborwoods Circle, Safety Harbor, Florida 34693, that I have reviewed and understand the foregoing specification and claims, and that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled

**VERTICAL TRACTION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD**

described and claimed therein; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: None

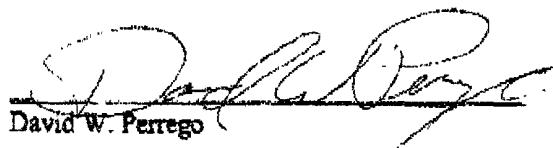
And I hereby appoint Neil E. Markva, 8322A Treford Lane, Springfield, Virginia 22152, telephone 703/644-9000, my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

WHEREFORE, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the new and original invention for VERTICAL TRACTION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD set forth in the foregoing specification and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney and this petition.

The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dec 19, 2000

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(d) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled described in THE VERTICAL TRACTION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD.

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Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

no such person, concern or organization  
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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